

COMMUNITY TREE AT PETWORTH SCHOOL

New School Buildings Preferred
to an Armory—Against Pro-
hibition Referendum Vote.

A community Christmas tree celebration will be held in the Petworth School playgrounds Friday night from 7 until 8 o'clock. There will be a large tree, decorated with numerous lights and bearing gifts, a program including singing by the school children, and a brief address on the significance of the night.

The celebration will be under the auspices of the Petworth Citizens' Association, at the meeting of which last night, in the Petworth M. E. Church, plans for the Yuletide observance were made.

Opposition to a referendum vote to determine the sentiment for and against prohibition was voted when E. W. Oyster's motion to instruct the association's delegates to the Federation of Citizens' Associations to vote negatively when the question came up. E. W. Oyster, who is the only dissenting voice in discussing the inadequate school facilities for Petworth, E. W. Oyster declared he was opposed to building a new armory here, but instead favored the use of the money for building new schools or enlarging the present ones. J. C. Suter, of the committee on schools, advised that the Commissioners had placed in their estimates appropriations for better school facilities in Petworth. The executive committee recommended that the Retail Merchants' Association's proposition for honest advertising be endorsed, and favorable action was urged on the matter of contributing to a testimonial to be given the Soldiers' Home Band.

The Commissioners, in responding to the complaint of the association, indicated that steps soon would be taken to abate the dust nuisance between the tracks of the Georgia avenue car line. The association was invited to attend a reception January 3, from 7 to 10 p. m., by the Petworth Women's Club, in the Petworth M. E. Church.

New members enrolled last night included James J. Mooney, John G. Barton, James M. Titcomb, C. A. Warburton, Raymond C. Walker, Wilbur C. Fowler, Charles A. Downey, Walter Lee Hibbs, Dr. Jacques L. Speilblatt, and Ellery Welden Heis.

A check talk by Clifford K. Berryman, musical selections by Miss Margaret Mills, Walter M. Taylor, Miss Frances E. Gutelius, Oswald Holmes, H. H. Teller, and L. W. Teller, and readings by the Rev. George Buckler followed the business session.

**Pair of Eyeglasses
Snatched From Woman**

A pair of eye glasses valued at \$5 were snatched from the hand of Margaret, of 1212 Nineteenth street northwest, by a man on Seventh street, near H street northwest, late yesterday.

FLOWER SHOPS DOING GOOD XMAS BUSINESS

Bookstores Also Get Big Trade
From Women Selecting Gifts
for "Him."

"Come, now; be a good fellow, and help me out."

The remark was addressed to a busy shop girl in an F street store by a young, ruddy-faced male, who was a picture of hopeless despair.

The young woman paused long enough to be a "good fellow," and the day was saved. The large man breathed a sigh of relief, and ten minutes later was at his office, settling problems and making decisions, looking as if nothing could perplex or disturb him.

The shopping zone was increased today by inclusion of the flower stores to a greater degree than earlier in the season. The sending of flowers now is almost as popular at Christmas as at Easter, and many who fear to give presents of doubtful utility place their reliance in the fact that "flowers always are welcome."

At one large department store a little girl stopped leadenly up to a formidable-looking floor walker.

"Is it true," she asked, that Santa Claus has been killed in the war?"

The tall fellow took the little maid by the hand and led her to a toy department, where she soon found a victim to her ravages.

Book stores also were crowded today. It always is safe to give John books.

It was the sum total of most of the comments made by women shoppers selecting a present for the inevitable "Him."

Men should be warned, too, that the usual feminine presents of cigars may be expected. And, really, the cigar men will assure you, the cigars are not going to be so bad. For so large has their volume of trade become at Christmas that the practice of wrapping inferior cigars in very superior looking packages is not indulged in any extent any more. In many cases men have fore-stalled the possibility of getting strange, new brands, by informing women of their families just what is "smokable."

**Baltimore Man Injured
While Getting Off Car**

F. E. Seal, aged twenty-five, of Baltimore, was injured last night while getting off a car at Fourteenth and Buchanan streets northwest. He is at Emergency Hospital. Physicians there say the man's back was injured.

**Two Men, Charged With
Robbing Apartment, Held**

Thomas E. Moran, who the police say is a burglar, and Benjamin Myerson, an eighteen-year-old New York tailor, are under arrest charged with robbing the apartment of John B. Smallwood and Ralph Graves, newspapermen, at 1635 H street northwest, last Saturday.

Attractions Coming to Capital Theaters

Julius Sanderson, Donald Brian, and Joseph Cawthon, each an established favorite in Washington, will provide the Yuletide diversion at the National Theater next week. They return with a new European operatic success, "Sybil," which tells a charming love story, interspersed with wholesome comedy set to music. Miss Sanderson will appear as Sybil, Donald as a Parisienne and a prima donna, to whom all male human beings succumb in adoration. The role of Sybil should exhibit to the best possible advantage those traits of nature and gifts of song which made Miss Sanderson in so brief a time so remarkable a figure in the firmament of footlight favorites.

Donald Brian, who, as players will recall, scored his greatest triumph as Prince Danilo, in "The Merry Widow," will again impersonate a selen of nobility. Joseph Cawthon has a role rich in comic possibilities—a vainglorious, pompous, and somewhat imprudent musical player with a plot that actually begins has a middle, and comes to a legitimate and consistent conclusion.

New York already has passed favorably upon "The Hawk," which comes to the National Theater for the week beginning Monday, December 27. The New York Times said: "The Hawk" is lifted out of the ruck of melodrama by its characters. It is a curious and absorbing story expertly told."

"This Is the Life" is the two-act musical revue used by "The Merry Rounders" company, to be seen at the Gayety Theater next week. The Reynolds heads the company and again will be seen in his famous character of Jacob Tomsonbloom, with entirely new surroundings, and a new show. In support of Reynolds will be seen George F. Hayes, the "rube" farm character man, Jack McGowan, a straight man, and Frankie Grace and Johnny Beakes, two juvenile dancers and singers, are included. Of the female principals, Mat-talam and June LaVae are appearing for the first time in burlesque. Miss Zella Clayton is the other female principal. The chorus is made up of twenty-four girls. In the singing numbers and ensembles they will be assisted by a double male quartet. The ten songs for the two acts are promised to be replete with novelties in the lighting and effects shown. The musical score, with the exception of a few interpolated numbers, has been especially written for "The Merry Rounders."

Miss Fannie Ward will be seen on the screen of Loew's Columbia Theater the last four days of this week beginning on Thursday morning in the Jeanie LaVae. The picture is a comedy production of "The Cheat." The scenes of the play are laid among the "four hundred" of New York. Prominent in support of the star are Jack Dean, James Neil and Susie Havalawa, the noted Japanese actor.

The first three days of next week, Volaska Suratt will appear in her first photodramatic production under the management of Jesse L. Lasky. The immigrant from the son of Marlon Fairfax. Miss Suratt is first seen as a poor Russian immigrant bound for America and later attains a high position in life.

Keith's bill next week features Ernest Truempy and an ensemble of enchanting girls in "The Society Circus and Ballroom Ballet." In six spectacular scenes with dances and music. Next will come Morris Cronin and his Merry Men. The third star will be Jack Watts' Scotch Lads and Lassies. Another unusual addition will be the celebrated cartoonist, Winsor McKay and "Gertie." Other numbers will be Clarence Oliver and George Oh in "Discontent," Mili Collins, "The Speaker of the House," Carl McCullough, in songs and characterizations. Sylvia Loyal with her Pierrot and his noodle and twenty snowy diogenes in their beautiful "homing flight," the nine organ recitals, and the Pathe news picture, "On New Year Day there will be three shows, at 2, 5 and 8:15 p. m. The entire bill will be given at each on other days and every evening during the week the usual performances at the customary hours will be given.

The Triangle program at Moore's Garden Theater Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday, will be headed by Bessie Barriscale, in a Thomas Ince production, "The Golden Claw" from an original photograph by C. Gardner Sullivan. The girl in the drama turns her back upon the man she loves because of his poverty, and weds instead a wealthy admirer. With Miss Barriscale will be seen Frank Mills, Truly Shattuck, Wedgewood Howell, and J. Ber-trand Sherry. The comedy attraction will bring to the screen Weber and Fields in a Keystone farce comedy, "The Best of Enemies."

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday D. W. Griffith will present Douglas Fairbanks, in Herbert Quick's "Double Trouble." In Mr. Fairbanks' support will be seen Margery Wilson, Richard Cummings, Olga Grey, and Gladys Brockwell. The added comedy attraction will be "The Janitor's Wife's Temptation," with Fred Mace, Mabel Normand, Mack Bennett, and other Keystone funmakers.

Two stars will be featured in the productions Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at Moore's Strand Theater: Emily Stevens, at present starring in "The Un-chastened Woman," in "The House of Tears" and Harold Lockwood in a domestic drama, "The Fragile Circle." "The House of Tears" tells the story of a wife who tires of her husband, and elopes with the other fellow, in her support will be seen Henri Bergman, Walter Hitchcock, Madge Tyrone, George Brennan and other well-known players. Harold Lockwood and Mae Allison in "The Fragile Circle" will constitute the auxiliary attraction.

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Next Monday at the Casino the Hall Stock Company will inaugurate a policy of popular successes. For the opening

production Mr. Hall has secured "The Revolt," one of the latest attractions released for this territory.

By permission of H. H. Fraxee, a Broadway producer, Miss Maude Eburne, remembered as "Coddles" in "A Pair of Sixes," has been secured for a limited engagement with the company, which includes Miss Louise Kent, a local stock favorite; Louis Ancker, playing leading male roles; Noma Kelly, Gale Satterlee, Anice Ives, Bertha Julian, Arthur Bell, Elmer Brown, Charles Peyton, and Stanley Pierce.

The matinee days are to be Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

FIFTY CHILDREN IN SOCIAL CENTER FETE

"Christmas Day In Morning" Pre-
sented In Costume Is One
of Features.

Fifty children took part in a Christmas program given under the auspices of the Margaret Wilson Social Center last night at the Grover Cleveland School and directed by Mrs. Amy Ormsby.

Assisting Mrs. Ormsby were Miss Florence Chambers, Miss Cecil Norton, and Miss Frances Frailey, the principal of the school. One of the most pleasing numbers was "Christmas Day in the Morning," presented by children in costume and showing the way the holiday is observed by various nations. A duet by Miss Edna Carr and Miss Marion Jacobs was also well received. A dance and watch party will be held at the school the evening of December 31, under the direction of the social center.

Begins Third Term As Camp Commander

Capt. Fred Beall today begins his third term as commander of Camp 111, United Confederate Veterans, as a result of the annual election of officers of the camp held last night at Confederate Memorial Hall, 1322 Vermont avenue. Major Thomas Hunsford was appointed assistant inspector general of the Eighth Virginia district of the Confederate Veterans' Association. The other officers chosen by the camp include Capt. D. C. Graven, first lieutenant commander; Capt. W. W. Cham-berlain, second lieutenant commander; Capt. J. E. Payne, adjutant; Robert M. Harrover, treasurer; Richard S. Denny, financial secretary; William J. Parr, master at arms; the Rev. Randolph H. McKim, D. D., chaplain; Dr. G. Wythe Cook and Dr. J. L. Smith, surgeons; Robert Thomson, chairman of the executive committee; John T. Callahan, chairman of the membership committee; James T. Petty, chairman of the relief committee and Gabriel Edmondson, chairman of the employment committee.

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Government Employees Given Time to Shop

The announcement that the employees of the Government Printing Office and the Bureau of Printing and Engraving will be given a full holiday Christmas Eve and that other Government departments will give a half-holiday, is regarded as a victory by the Retail Mer-

chants' Association, which urged that a holiday be given all Government employees so that they might do their Christmas shopping.

In order to give the full holiday Christmas Eve to the employees of the Printing Office and the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, it was necessary that the employees forfeit the usual half-holiday, which has been granted on New Year Eve. Practically all the other Government departments will give the half holiday New Year Eve as well as Christmas Eve.



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